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1. GON FINANCIAL MINISTRY PLANNING CHIEF PER SCHREINER AGREES MEETING BETWEEN STEERING COMMITTEE AND AS MANY MEMBERS AS POSSIBLE OF THE ADVISORY PANEL WOULD BE USEFUL. HE AGREES PRESENCE OF RUFFOLO NOT AN ACCEPTABLE SUBSTITUTE. HE HAS NO PROBLEM WITH THE MAY 24/25 DATES WE PROPOSE.

2. SCHREINER ALSO BELIEVES PROPOSED REPORT TO MINISTERS ON JUNE 14-15 DESIRABLE ALONG LINES WE SUPPORT. HOWEVER, HE HOPES PRESENTATION WOULD ADDRESS HOW THE MATERIAL THAT HAS BEEN DEVELOPED SHOULD BE UTILIZED. HE EXPRESSED PARTICULAR CONCERN ABOUT TENDENCY TOWARD COMPARTMENTALIZATION OF OECD EFFORTS AND THAT WHILE PROJECT MUST BE CONCLUDED IN DECEMBER CAREFUL THOUGHT MUST BE GIVEN TO NEXT STEPS.

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3. TEXT OF SCHREINER'S REPLY TO GYLLENHAMMAR LETTER REPORTED FYI. BEGIN TEXT:

I CAN AGREE WITH MOST OF THE POINTS YOU MADE, AND I SHARE YOUR CONCERN ABOUT THE OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT WORK. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE NOW CONCENTRATE ON WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE REMAINING NINE MONTHS AND THAT WE DO NOT WASTE TIME

ON DISCUSSING WHAT MIGHT OR SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY
IN THE PAST.

I AGREE WITH YOU THAT THE HIGH LEVEL MEETING SHOULD NOT
BE CALLED UNLESS THE PROJECT HAS ACHIEVED SOMETHING. ON THE
OTHER HAND, I WOULD SAY THAT IF THE STAFF CANNOT PRODUCE
SOME CLEAR ISSUES AND A DOCUMENTATION OF THEM FOR A MEETING
BEFORE THE SUMMER, I THINK THE CHANCES OF A HAPPY ENDING ARE
VERY SMALL.

THE DRAFT OF THE BACKGROUND PAPER YOU ARE REFERRING TO IN
YOUR POINT 10, WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AT THE LAST STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING IN A REVISED FORM. MOST OF YOUR OBJECTIONS
ARE STILL VALID, HOWEVER. BUT MUCH VALUABLE RESEARCH HAS
BEEN DONE, THE MAIN OBJECTION IS THE LACK OF CONCENTRATION.
MY OWN PROPOSAL AT THE MEETING WAS THAT ONE SHALL START WITH
FIXING AN AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. IT SHOULD BE CONCENTRATED
TOWARDS A FEW SELECTED TOPICS OR ISSUES, FOR INSTANCE THOSE
SUGGESTED AS TOPICS IN THE BACKGROUND PAPER:

TOPIC A - THE PROSPECTS FOR LONGER-TERM ECONOMIC AND
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE ADVANCED COUNTRIES.

TOPIC B - THE EVOLUTION OF RELATIONS AMONG THE ADVANCED
COUNTRIES ON THE LONGER TERM.

TOPIC C - THE EVOLUTION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ADVANCED AND
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES IN THE LONGER TERM.
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TOPIC D - ALTERNATIVE PATTERNS OF LONGER-TERM WORLD
DEVELOPMENT.

THE BACKGROUND PAPER SHOULD THEN BE CLEARLY ORGANIZED
SO THAT THERE IS A ONE TO ONE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE
ITEMS OF THE AGENDA AND SECTIONS OF THE PAPER. CORRE-
SPONDINGLY, ANY FURTHER DOCUMENTATION IN THE FORM OF
ANNEXES SHOULD ALSO BE CLEARLY RELATED TO PARTICULAR POINTS
OF THE AGENDA. ONE SHOULD AVOID ANY GENERAL DOCUMENTS, THE
RELEVANCE OF WHICH TO THE DISCUSSION IS NOT CLEAR TO THE
PARTICIPANTS.

I AM STILL OPTIMISTIC THAT MR. LESOURNE AND HIS STAFF
WILL BE ABLE TO BRING TOGETHER ALL HIS "NUTS AND BOLTS"
TO A NICE CONSTRUCTION IN THE END. IN THAT CASE HE WILL
HAVE OBTAINED SOMETHING NEW. MOST OTHER GLOBAL STUDIES
ARE FAIRLY DEFICIENT IN THEIR MICRO FOUNDATIONS.
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